
Fairview Homes & Lock Street Apartments ~ Ribbon-Cutting & Re-Dedication Ceremony

~ Programme ~

Introduction

Mr. Farouk Robinson

Welcome & Opening Remarks

Mr. Gustav Henningburg, Master of Ceremonies

Residents' Perspective

Ms. Martha Sullivan, Fairview Homes Resident Association
Ms. Rosa Goode, Lock St. Apartments Resident Association

Keynote Speaker

The Honorable Sharpe James, Mayor of the City of Newark

City of Newark Welcome

The Honorable Donald Bradley, President Newark Municipal Council

Commentary

Mr. Lewis V. Hurd, Fleet Community Development Officer

Presentations

Mr. Steven Jackson Presents Savings Bonds to Warren Street School Poster Contest Winners: Ms. A'Nijah Henry & Mr. Hanesfah Myles and to Ms. Felicia James, a former Honors Student, who is attending New Jersey City University

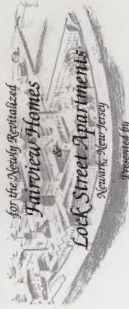
Ceremonial Ribbon Cutting

Informal Tour of Complex

~ Please Join Us For Lunch ~



VIP Ribbon-Cutting & Re-Dedication Ceremony



S.P. Vogue Urban Partners, L.L.C.

And the Residents of Fairview Homes & Lock Street Apartments

August 16, 2001

Recapturing the ♥ of Two of Newark's Best-Kept Secrets in Community Housing

~ ~ Home Is Where The ♥ Is ~ ~

Speedy and secure are flying in all areas of the City of Newark. Moreover, S.P. Vogue Urban Partners, L.L.C., focuses that it takes more than just good construction techniques to create a community, and their vision for beyond the physical plane. The successful restoration of Lock Street Apartments and Fairview Homes are the result of a basic philosophical belief... one that embraces an inclusive approach, and brings together the energies of forces that really put a total community. A philosophy that says that each and every individual that is willing, is important in order to accomplish objectives and bring a "Vision" to life.

Cooperation... Collaboration... Partnerships... Commitment... Empowerment... These are all words that have a nice "ring" to them. And, when they are put to work in the real world, those words turn into powerful tools, with which to get things done.

These are the tools utilized in rebuilding the Lock Street and Fairview communities, and the partners of S.P. Vogue are appreciative of the many commitments fulfilled. Working in collaboration with the City of Newark, the Newark Municipal Council, and the Housing Authority of the City of Newark, S.P. Vogue has been able to negotiate the maze of municipal requirements that must be satisfied, in order to move this type of development programs forward. Cooperatively participating in the process on the State and Federal levels, WEED (Housing and Urban Development), and NIMH/J8 (The New Jersey Housing Mortgage Finance Agency) have worked tirelessly in the interest of much needed local affordable housing. Stepping up to the plate and forging partnerships on the financing end, then - with Syndication from Sealed Capital Company - has worked with S.P. Vogue to pull it all together. Effectively... Successfully... Concretely... Security.

These words also have a nice "ring" to them... a ring that unmistakably leaves the distant whisper of those who said "it couldn't be done".

... Effectively ...

So effectively that Lock Street Apartments have come full circle after initially, in 1981, being bulldozed into apartments out of the old 179, Howard/Tammy building, an industrial complex that produced sword-recovered leather products. The Lock Street Apartments were converted from derelict buildings into 80 units of community housing in the "Neighborhood of the Unretiree" - a Joint Venture Partnership between Prudential Insurance Company and The Aiglon Group. Spanning a 27,000 square foot site, this project is a new "Vision" for the restoration of Newark's infrastructure, which continues to this day. In acquiring and updating Lock Street, S.P. Vogue has solidified that vision - maintaining the integrity of the original development program, while working with neighborhood families to identify their needs, incorporating same into the restoration program, and creating employment opportunities in the process.

... Successfully ...

So successfully that Fairview Homes, originally initiated by the Chamber of Commerce "Start Projects", is the embodiment of urban community housing should be. None of unique beginnings - as simple city-owned land in the heart of the Central Ward - it was converted into 135 units of affordable housing in a low-rise setting, on a site that spanned 4.3 acres. To date, Fairview continues to give families an opportunity to experience affordable housing in a non-institutional setting - with low-rise, garden-style apartment units.

On any day, you can witness those who call Fairview home - adults and children alike - peacefully enjoying the grounds, riding bicycles, doing laundry, taking a stroll, discussing issues with resident leaders, or just sitting quietly and enjoying their home environment. Indeed, the "Vision" of affordable community housing in a green setting has successfully come alive.

... Concretely ...

So concretely that the Residents of both Fairview Homes and Lock Street Apartments are actively building Resident Associations that are growing faster and stronger each day - and will surely stand the test of time. Empowerment at its best! These Associations are working to make sure that their fellow residents... family members... neighbors... are acting with responsibility and accountability, and that the initiatives taken by management - on their behalf or at their request - are given the residential support that will make the overall community thrive.

... Securely.

So securely that Newark's Police Department has forged a partnership with S.P. Vogue, and is working hand alongside Residents and Management to create and enforce a "Zero Tolerance" program that is unparalleled - not just in this City - but in lower-city areas nationwide. The bottom line! An improved sense of health, safety and well-being for the families at Lock Street and Fairview, as well as for the extended communities.

S.P. Vogue Urban Partners, L.L.C. along with the Resident Associations of Fairview Homes and Lock Street Apartments, extend sincere Appreciation to the following who have made the Lock Street Apartments and Fairview Homes Restoration Programs possible:

- ~ The City of Newark ~
- ~ The Newark Municipal Council ~
- ~ The Housing Authority of the City of Newark ~
- ~ The New Jersey Housing Mortgage Finance Agency ~
- ~ The Department of Housing and Urban Development ~
- ~ Fleet, with Syndication by Related Capital Company ~

The Vision birthed by S.P. Vogue at the onset of these restoration programs lives today, as both Lock Street Apartments and Fairview Homes are Rededicated, and continue to Capture

The ♥ Of the "Neighborhoods Of The Unretiree", in what is now known as "The New Newark"!